

**Fatwa no. 158**

**Q: Someone divorced his wife last year according to Sunnah (whatever is reported from the Prophet), and now he wants to take her back in marriage. Is this permissible?**

**A:** If the Talaq (divorce pronounced by a husband) in question is not the third pronouncement and is not in return for a consideration, this is considered a revocable divorce. The husband is permitted to take his wife back in marriage as long as her `Iddah (woman's prescribed waiting period after divorce) is not over.

However, if the `Iddah is over, or the Talaq was in return for a consideration and was not the third pronouncement of Talaq, the husband may return to his wife with a new marriage contract and Mahr (mandatory gift to a bride from her groom) similar to that paid to women of the same social status subject to her consent and after fulfilling all the pillars and conditions of a marriage contract.

May Allah grant us success. May peace and blessings be upon our Prophet Muhammad, his family, and Companions.

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